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SUBJ: VISIT OF PNG PRIME MINISTER SOMARE TO INDONESIA

1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRIME MINISTER AND MRS.MICHAEL SOMARE, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE SECRETARY GENERAL A.M.SIAGURU, LEFT JAKARTA JANUARY 14 AFTER COMPLETING OFFICIAL PORTION OF SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO. SOMARE'S VISIT BEGAN JANUARY 10 AND INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, VICE PRESIDENT HAMENGKUBUWONO AND SEVERAL MINSTERS. IN ADDITION TO RECEPTION HOSTED BY JAKARTA GOVERNOR ALI SADIKIN AND STATE DINNER AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, VISITS WERE ARRANGED TO VARIOUS POINTS OF INTEREST INCLUDING ARMY SMALL ARMS FACTORY AND ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE AT BANDUNG, JATILUHUR WATER RESERVOIR, AND PULO GADUNG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. ON THEIR WAY BACK TO PNG SOMARES WILL VISIT SEMARANG, JOGJAKARTA, AND BALI. ALL EVENTS DURING VISIT RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY IN PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION.

2. AT STATE DINNER JANUARY 11, SOMARE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF ASEAN AND HIP SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE SAID HE HOPED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM OF WHICH PNG IS A MEMBER.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK TOLD REPORTERS JANUARY 11 THAT SOMARE HAD CONVEYED A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO FROM PRC LEADER HUA KUO FENG BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. MALIK SAID MESSAGE WOULD NOT BE ANSWERED VIA SOMARE SINCE GOI HAS UN CHANNELS FOR

THE PURPOSE. SOMARE TOLD REPORTERS AT JANUARY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS NOT THE BEARER OF ANY MESSAGE, BUT HUA HAD "WHISPERED IN HIS EAR" DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO CHINA THAT PRC IS WILLING TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SOMARE SAID PRC ATTCHED NO CONDITIONS TO RE-OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC TIES. HE SAID PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS ALSO EXPRESSED WISH TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC RELAITONS WITH PRC BUT ADDED THAT HE(SOMARE) WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER

4.AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, SOMARE STATED MAIN FOCUS OF HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA WAS TO EXPLORE FUTURE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID PNG WAS NOT CONSIDERING JOINING ASEAN BUT WAS WATCHING ITS ACTIVITIES WITH INTEREST. HE SAID PNG SUPPORTS ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND SHARES SIMILAR VIEWS TO INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, AND PHILIPPINES ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS BUT HAD DIFFERENT VIEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

5. SOMARE TOLD REPORTERS THAT QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR WAS NOW INDONESIAN INTERNAL AFFAIR. HE DENIED THAT PNG WANTED TO BUY WEAPONS FROM INDONESIA BUT HE HOPED PNG OFFICERS WOULD BE INVITED TO STUDY AT INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES SCHOOL. SOMARE STATED THAT PNG DID NOT SEEK ANY MILITARY PACT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, NOTING THAT WHILE AUSTRALIA IS A MEMBER OF ANZUS, PNG FOLLOWS FOREIGN POLICY OF UNIVERSALISM.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK STATED PUBLICLY JAN. 11 THAT IT HAD BEEN ARRANGED THAT OPM REFUGEES FROM IRIAN JAYA TO PNG MAY BECOME PNG CITIZENS IF THEY AGREE NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANTI-UNCLASSIFIED

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INDONESIAN ACTIVITY AND THAT GOI WOULD ACCEPT THOSE WHO WISHED TO RETURN. SOMARE CONFIRMED THAT PNG HAD GIVEN CITIZENSHIP TO 177 OPM MEMBERS, AND SAID OTHERS WHO MADE TROUBLE FOR PNG'S NEIGHBORS WOULD BE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN, BUT NOT BY FORCE. HE ADDED THAT NO AGREEMENT ON REPATRIATION HAD YET BEEN FORMALIZED, NOR HAD JOINT BORDER OPERATIONS BEEN PROPOSED.

7. IN ADDITION TO EXPECTED EXPRESSION OF MUTUAL APPRECIATION AND FRIENDSHIP, JANUARY 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. INDONESIA EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID POLICIES, PNG ENDORSED INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND BOTH COUNTRIES ENCOURAGED INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT.

B. BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) AND HOPED FOR EXPANDING BI-LATERAL TRADE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

C. THE TWO LEADERS NOTED THE REGIONAL ROLE OF ASEAN, ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE,FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND HOPED FOR COOPERATION

BETWEEN ASEAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM IN MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN.

D. THE PRIME MINISTER "APPRECIATED INDONESIA'S POSITION" ON EAST TIMOR AND STATED THAT PNG REGARDED THIS QUESTION "ENTIRELY AS INDONESIAN DOMESTIC MATTER."

E. IT WASV AGREED THAT MEASURES HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES SHOULD NOT BE MISUSED IN WHATEVER MANNER BY ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE OTHER NATION "TO CONDUCT NEGATIVE OR SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST THE OTHER."

F. THE TWO LEADERS ENDORSED THE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS.

8. SOMARE EXTENDED INVITAITON TO SUHARTO TO VISIT PNG AT A CONVENIENT TIME, AND THIS WAS OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED.

9. PRESS COMMENT ON VISIT HAS THUS FAR BEEN VERY FAVORABLE.
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